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FOR THE NORTH-AMERICAN JOURNAL.

*Extract of a letter to the Editor, from a friend in Germany.*

“The Baron Munchhausen (pronounced nearly Minkhhowzen, so famous for his remarkable adventures, lived in the neighbourhood of Gottingen, and was of an ancient, noble family.—He was a great lover of the chace, and was famous for telling the stories which are at present under his name, whereby he acquired the very flattering appellation of Lying Munchhausen, by which he is now universally called. He has not long been dead. Though the work so extensively known as his Life and adventures is written in the first person, it is not from the worthy Baron himself, but was given to the world under the following circumstances. A person of the name of Raspe, about fifty years since, was keeper of antiquities in the electoral collection at Cassel, the capital city of the late kingdom of Westphalia, and is about thirty miles from the residence of our Baron. Raspe was a person of very good education, and extremely well qualified for the place he held. He was however expensive in his mode of life, and fond of extravagance. Having incurred debts, which his salary did not enable him to pay, he applied his collection to the same purposes, which his worthy successors the French commissaries at a later period have much more extensively done, and plundered it of several gems. The fraud was discovered, but he succeeded in escaping to England. Here he sustained himself sometime, as waiter in a Coffee-house in London, learning by degrees the English language, but not losing the remembrances of home.—For the credit of his native land, and to raise himself from the servants hall of a coffee-house, he committed to writing the marvellous adventures of his distinguished countryman the Baron, and the life of Munchhausen appeared from the English Press.—Though Germany had suffered a foreign land to

anticipate her in this precious contribution to Literature, it was not slow in doing what could be done by way of amends.—A translation was immediately undertaken by a Professor of the University at Gottingen, and the valuable work soon appeared in a German Dress.—The translator was no other than the poet Burger so precious, for his *Leonora*, to the lovers of the horrible; and that fine genius, who had enriched poetry with this frightful pilgrimage of the poor Damsel to the graveyard in Hungary, now bestowed on Biography the memorable suspension of the horse to the steeple, and the musical accumulation in the Post-boy's horn.—Our Baron however appeared to think himself less favoured than his neighbours, by this edifying production; and threatened Dietrich, the publisher, printer to the University of Gottingen, with a process. This however never took place, and in the course of time, notwithstanding the moving perils he had encountered, and the Biographer had described, the Baron died.—The name however is by no means extinct, and it is among the most famous in Hannover.—Munchhausen was the celebrated minister, for Hannover, of George the II, and it was he who founded and reared the University of Gottingen, and caused it in a few years to take rank of the establishments, which have stood for centuries.

“I do not know, my dear Sir, whether it will be interesting to the American publick to hear, that the second volume of Professor A. Boeckh's *Pindar* has appeared. It is a sizeable quarto volume. The first contained the text the present treats of the metres, and is thought in Germany the most successful investigation of this subject, that has appeared.—The metres are illustrated by their connexion with the musick, to which the Cdes were adapted; and the whole inquiry of Professor Boeckh into the subject of the Greek musick and its metrical relations is equally masterly and original. It is understood that he is aided, in this edition, which quite surpasses all former editions of *Pindar*, by Professor Dissen of Gottingen.—Professor Boeckh is of the University at Berlin and is employed in conjunction with other learned men, and under the patronage of the Prussian government, on a new edition of all the Greek Inscriptions.—He is also engaged with Heindorf, and Schleiermacher, the latter so celebrated for his German translation of Plato, on a complete edition of this Author.”